

ORIENTAL ART SALE OF NOTE

VON STERNBURG COLLECTION
TO BE DISPERSED HERE.

The objects of Oriental art collected by the late Baron Speck von Sternburg, German Ambassador to the United States, are to be sold at auction in New York this winter and as an exhibition will precede the sale those interested will have an unexpected opportunity to see some very beautiful and rare works of art.

Dr. Wu Ting-fang has had translations made of the important inscriptions on Baron von Sternburg's treasures, so the catalogue when prepared will probably be more enlightening than catalogues sometimes are. Others in official life in Washington who have had opportunity to see the Sternburg collection have interested themselves, and the sale may be looked forward to as most interesting. The collection has not yet left Washington but is being packed up at the home of the Baroness von Sternburg. It will be sold here at the American Art Galleries in January, the sale requiring probably a week, as there are more than a thousand lots to be dispersed.

Baron von Sternburg's collection includes some valuable and interesting works of European art also. His residence in Germany and his home connections permitted him to acquire these, some of which were brought from his Leipzig castle. His life in the Orient when he was Secretary of the Embassy under the Baron von Brandt, German Ambassador at Peking, enabled him to procure some rare productions of the art of the Asiatics. Indeed American collectors will find in the coming sale another reminder of Baron von Brandt besides the association of Baron von Sternburg with him in the diplomatic service.

Those memories go back to the first Von Brandt sale in New York in 1893, and those who bought at it will find material and interesting reminders in some of the objects in the Von Sternburg sale. Baron von Brandt, as some may remember, found New England beauty surpassingly attractive, but encountered such powerful objections in Berlin to the desires of his heart that he made his country pay in some degree for the deprivation it forced him to endure.

If he could not marry as he pleased he could at least dispose as he wished of his great collection of art, though it was made in his diplomatic life. So although he had intended to present the collection to the Dresden Museum he changed his mind and sold it at auction in New York, and it was at that sale that were obtained such objects for example as the large figure of Buddha carved from a solid block of turquoise, which one New York collector picked up, and various other objects which when they have come upon the market at dispersals of private collections since then have gone at prices sometimes thousands of dollars above the prices of the Von Brandt sale.

In the Von Sternburg collection are some of the original companion pieces to objects in the Von Brandt collection. Aside from residing in Peking with Von Brandt Von Sternburg travelled with the Ambassador through Tibet, and the Von Sternburg collection shows that in many instances when there were two objects alike the Ambassador took one and the secretary the other, so the coming sale may enable some persons to "complete the pair," a work dear to many collectors. Baron von Sternburg ranked as a connoisseur and he had travelled in other countries also, notably in India, where he picked up rare works.

The Baron's collection enables a study of Chinese ceramics from the Yungung and Ming periods to the reign of Chienlung, in the list being examples of the famille verte, famille rose and the black and white decorations, and nearly a hundred plates of the dense porcelain of Ming manufacture, with the highly valued celadon glaze. In the blue and white porcelain the collection ranges from cabinet pieces of soft paste to grand jars and tall vases, and these blue are those which only the old Chinese knew how to bring out to the utmost of perfection. There are large fish bowls in this part of the collection, and there is a vase 4½ feet high which the Emperor Chienlung dedicated to the Temple of Kuan-ti (God of War), at the Chin-men gate of Peking, after a victorious campaign in Tibet.

There is one extraordinary object in the Von Sternburg collection which may be the most remarkable of its kind outside of China. It is certainly a notable one and has attractions distinguishing it from two similar productions in the possession of the British Kensington Museum. It is a Chinese screen of twelve panels which unfolds to a length of about fifteen feet. It is eight feet high.

The screen was made in the reign of K'ang-hsi. Its decoration is more elaborate and more gorgeous in the scenes depicted than that of the two South Kensington screens of the same period. The decorations picture the interior of the Summer Palace, with ceremonial fees in the presence of K'ang-hsi and nobilities of the court. The wood panels are carved, inlaid with lacquer and painted in brilliant colors of the famille verte, the painting camouflaged as in the case of similar painting on porcelains and the whole ornamentation embellished by gilding. On the backs of the panels are some of the inscriptions which the Chinese Ambassador at Washington has translated himself to the Kensington Museum. The South Kensington screens of this class, which were purchased many years ago, are said to have cost respectively \$10,000 and \$12,000.

When Von Sternburg was travelling with Von Brandt in Tibet he gathered in some Buddhist idols of bronze, gilded some porcelains and ceramics and an interesting set of fifteenth century illuminated scrolls illustrative of the thousand sanctuaries of Buddha. In India as well as in the other Asiatic countries, China included, he secured some things in keeping with the general character of his collection for household use and adornment, including other purchases in this list being an Agra carpet which was made in the prison for the palace of the Viceroy of India. It did not fit the hall for which it was designed in the palace, and Baron von Sternburg took the opportunity to buy it.

The textiles include further some beautiful Mandarin robes and old Chinese velvets and brocades. One tapestry was made for the imperial palace in Peking in 1750. It is of Chinese manufacture, but with the Gobelin touch, which gives Mr. Kirby and others an excellent opportunity to renew their interesting contentions as to whether the three century old French industry, which later took the present name from the Gobelin family, derived this stitch from the ancient Chinese or whether comparatively modern Chinese, such as the Gobelin, and expeditions of Western missionaries, tribute laden.

Among the miscellaneous objects is a response wire in the days of August the Strong of Saxony and a number of antique Oriental weapons. The collection includes a Rembrandt's portrait of Washington.

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Police Say They Found Seven Trunks of Her in Storage and Recovered Some of the Stolen Goods, Including a Pearl Pin, on Which Charge is Based.

Marie Triffert, who was employed as a maid by Mrs. Septima Collis of 50 West Forty-fifth street, was in the Yorkville police court yesterday on a charge of stealing a few pearl pins from her employer.

The maid's employer is the widow of Gen. C. H. T. Collis, who was Commissioner of Public Works under the Strong administration. Detective Lieutenant Leigh of the Sixth avenue branch detective bureau told Magistrate Cornell that he would like to have the woman held until Mrs. Collis could appear, when a more serious charge would be made against the prisoner.

The Magistrate wanted to know if the pin was the only thing the maid was accused of stealing.

"No, we have recovered lace, jewelry and other things to the value of \$5,000," the detective said.

The maid is 33 years old and has been in the employ of Mrs. Collis for fourteen years. A year ago, while in Europe, she married a French chauffeur who is now living in Brussels. She was making preparations to go to France and had given notice to her employer of her intention.

Valuable articles of jewelry, lace and other things had been disappearing from the Collis home for the last year, but the maid was not suspected until a wishbone stickpin valued at \$900 disappeared. The maid had an exclusive opportunity to take the pin, and her employer notified the police. Leigh and Donohue were sent up and they began to trail the maid. Friday night she went to the Manhattan storage warehouse at Broadway and Fifty-second street and the detective learned that she had seven trunks there. They examined the contents of the trunks and Leigh said in court that the articles fitted the description of the property lost in the Collis home.

Among the things which the detective says he found in one of the trunks was the pearl pin which was the basis of the charge. Mrs. Collis had identified this as her property.

The Magistrate set the examination for Tuesday.

MISS ARNOLD HERE TO LECTURE

Sister of Mrs. Humphry Ward to Talk on English Novels.

Miss Ethel M. Arnold, a sister of Mrs. Humphry Ward, who arrived yesterday morning on the Campania and is stopping with her cousin, Mrs. Frederick W. Whitridge, at 16 East Eleventh street, will give a course of lectures at the Hudson Theatre under the auspices of the League for Political Education.

One of these will treat of the life and work of her grandfather, Thomas Arnold, Bishop of Exeter, and the other two will deal with types of the modern European novel. The subject of the first lecture, which will be given on Wednesday morning, December 2, will be "The Feminist Novel," and that of the second, on December 9, "The Religious Novel." Miss Arnold's discussion will be from the sociological as well as the literary viewpoint.

BID FOR RAILROAD MEN.

Federation of Labor Tries Again to Get Them to Affiliate With It.

The organizers of the American Federation of Labor, who have been trying for years without success to bring the railroad brotherhoods into the body, have started another movement to get them to affiliate. It was announced yesterday at the New York headquarters of the A. F. of L. that as a result of the recent A. F. of L. convention in Chicago, railway employees' department of the A. F. of L. has been formed.

Herman Robinson, general organizer of the A. F. of L., said yesterday that within two months a convention of the new department will be called to effect permanent organization. Though the national organizations are in the temporary organization, only three of them consist of men employed exclusively by the railroad. The ten organizations, for which a membership of 500,000 is claimed, are as follows:

Order of Railroad Telegraphers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, Switchmen's Union of North America, International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and the International Association of Steam Fitters.

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Taft Said to Favor a Presidential Call Every Four Years.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 28.—Thomas B. Kirkpatrick, postmaster at Hodgenville, the county seat of Laramie county, in which Abraham Lincoln was born, said to-day with reference to the visit of President Roosevelt at the laying of the cornerstone of the Lincoln birthplace improvements on February 12 and that of President-elect Taft in May.

"Hodgenville will be honored with the presence of two Presidents within the next seven months, and thereafter at least every four years. Richard Lloyd Jones, who in a recent conversation announced that Mr. Taft had declared himself as favoring the plan for a Presidential visit to the historic ground at least once each term."

"Mr. Jones said the President-elect announced that he would establish the precedent by his visit in May and that it would be urged upon future Chief Magistrates that they should make a quadrennial visit to the Lincoln farm."

The new \$250,000 museum which will be erected on the farm will be built as rapidly as the weather will permit after the cornerstone is laid on February 12. The largest crowd ever assembled in Laramie county is expected on that occasion, at which President Roosevelt will be the chief speaker.

Cotton Estimate, 13,075,000 Bales. MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 28.—The average of the estimates made by the Memphis Cotton Exchange members, which were opened to-day, places the total cotton crop at 13,075,000 bales.

SALT TO SAVOR A COLLEGE. University of Utah Gets \$7,000,000 Worth of Saline Lands.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Nov. 28.—The Utah Supreme Court yesterday handed down a decision which gives the State University sixty square miles of saline lands in Tooe County, near the Nevada line. This decision is based on the university clause of the Utah enabling act and gives to the University of Utah a permanent fund of approximately \$7,000,000.

The weight of pure salt in the districts involved in this decision is estimated to be 1,280,000 pounds to the square mile.

WELLESLEY PRESIDENT ILL.

Miss Hazard Gets a Year's Leave and Will Go to California.

WELLESLEY, Mass., Nov. 28.—A year's leave of absence has been granted the president of Wellesley College, Miss Caroline Hazard, who has been incapacitated this year by ill health. The trustees say that they have taken this action in the hope that an extended rest will effect a recovery.

Miss Ellen F. Pendleton, dean who has been acting as president, will continue in such capacity until next June. Miss Hazard has passed the last two months at her home in Peabody, R. I., and will be home for Christmas. This is the second year's leave of absence granted Miss Hazard in two years because of ill health.

WOMAN NOT BELIEVED. Hermann Auerbach Discharged on Her Complaint of Larceny.

Hermann Auerbach, owner of the Elberon apartments, at 388 Central Park West, who was arrested last Thursday night at 123th street and Lenox avenue on the complaint of 654 Carrie Remley, was discharged in the Harlem Court yesterday by Magistrate Crane. The woman alleged that Auerbach took her to a hotel in Harlem on November 2 and stole her money and jewelry. The hotel clerk told the Magistrate that a bracelet the woman said she had lost was in the office safe and she had never called for it. When the Magistrate heard this he discharged Auerbach.

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